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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Joseph T. Phan

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5-11,17 and 18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5-11,17 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-3, 5-11, and 17-18 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Becker et al., Patent #6,981,223.

Regarding claims 1, 17, and 18, Becker teaches a system, method, and article of manufacture comprising:

a processor, a communication port coupled to said processor and adapted to communicate with at least one device, and a storage device coupled to said processor and storing instructions adapted to be executed by said processor(Fig.15-16) to:
determine a plurality of communication devices associated with an identity, determine at least one media capability associated with each of said plurality of communication devices(*Fig.15 and col.20 lines 37-56; e.g. determines fax machine for faxing*);
determine availability information for each of said at least one media capability(Fig.15 and col.20 line 57-col.21 line 6); and providing for each of said plurality of communication devices, via a user interface, an aggregated view of data indicative of said availability information for each of said at least one media capability(Fig.15 and

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col.20 line 30-col.21 line 6).

Regarding claim 2, Becker teaches the method of claim 1, further comprising the step of: receiving a request for information regarding media channel availability for said identity(Fig.15 and col.20 line 30-col.21 line 6).

Regarding claim 3, Becker teaches the method of claim 1, further comprising the step of: receiving a request for information regarding media channel availability for said device(Fig.15 and col.20 line 30-col.21 line 6).

Regarding claim 5, Becker teaches the method of claim 4, wherein said interface provides information identifying said device(Fig.15 and col.20 line 30-col.21 line 6).

Regarding claim 6, Becker teaches the method of claim 4, wherein said interface provides information identifying said identity(Fig.15 and col.20 line 30-col.21 line 6).

Regarding claim 7, Becker teaches the method of claim 4, wherein said interface provides information identifying an identity context associated with said identity(Fig.15 and col.20 line 30-col.21 line 6).

Regarding claim 8, Becker teaches the method of claim 1, further comprising the step of: determining a device context for said device (Fig.15 and col.20 line 30-col.21 line 6).

Regarding claim 9, Becker teaches the method of claim 1, further comprising the step of: determining a rule governing availability of said media channel (Fig.15 and col.20 line 30-col.21 line 6).

Regarding claim 10, Becker teaches the method of claim 1, further comprising the step of: determining a rule that governs how availability of said media channel is to

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be determined(Fig.15 and col.20 line 30-col.21 line 6).

Regarding claim 11, Becker teaches the method of claim 1, further comprising the step of: determining an identity context for said identity(Fig.15, col.20 line 30-col.21 line 6).

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-3, 5-11, and 17-18 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph T. Phan whose telephone number is (571) 272-7544. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 9am-6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on (571) 272-7547. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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